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From: Schmittdiel, Paula

**Sent:** Thur 8/7/2014 6:29:10 PM

Subject: FW: OTEQ Model Presentation in September in Silverton & Possible LaPlata Cnty 9/24

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----Original Message-----From: Way, Steven

Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 12:26 PM

To: Schmittdiel, Paula

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Paula - I am traveling the next two weeks, but I hope to resolve this with the County by tomorrow. Given this works for you and Rob, and I bet Dan will be ok -let's just plan on it.

Cynthia will get to refine the plan - I am in Monday to talk with her.

Talk with ya later, Steve

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----Original Message-----From: Schmittdiel, Paula

Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 11:53 AM

To: Way, Steven

Subject: RE: OTEQ Model Presentation in September in Silverton & Possible LaPlata Cnty 9/24

Steve - I am out of the office next week at a conference in Albuquerque. I'll be checking email when I can in the evening but if something comes up, leave me a voice mail or text on my cell phone and I'll try and get back to you ASAP. In the meantime Cynthia will be around and can also get in touch with me.

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Paula,

Your thoughts are similar to what I expressed to the La Plata County person. We may not want to call it a public meeting in our terms, but if it's an evening session with the commissioners that's an option too.

Regardless, the logistics seemed to be ideal. Rob can also make it. I will follow up on the "forum" and let's just assume that we'll do something with them on 9/24. You and I are allowed to make such decisions.

## Steve

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To: Way, Steven; Rob Runkel

Cc: Peterson, Cynthia; Brent Lewis (Brent\_Lewis@blm.gov); Wall, Dan

Subject: RE: OTEQ Model Presentation in September in Silverton & Possible LaPlata Cnty 9/24

Hey Steve - I would prefer 9/24 as I am hoping to take a couple of weeks off in October. And we're all going to be in the "neighborhood" anyway.

## Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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Subject: RE: OTEQ Model Presentation in September in Silverton & Possible LaPlata Cnty 9/24

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Hello folks,

On a related matter and potentially good timing - is the option to meet with the LaPlata County commissioners and public; they contacted me about this possibility.

I just spoke with the LaPlata County Commissioners' admin assistant and 9/24 afternoon / evening are open. They are thinking they would like to have an evening meeting to invite the public, and we may want to have a meeting in the afternoon with the commissioners (working session). If that date does not work Oct 7 is an option too.

If September 24 works for everyone, Cynthia could work out the details with the County.

Steve

(PS. I am on phone duty at x6510)

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From: Rob Runkel [mailto:runkel@usgs.gov] Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 8:41 AM

To: Schmittdiel, Paula

Cc: Peterson, Cynthia; Brent Lewis (Brent\_Lewis@blm.gov); Way, Steven

Subject: Re: OTEQ Model Presentation in September in Silverton

## Hi Paula --

If I remember correctly the plan is for me to give a 45min-1 hr presentation to the stakeholders in the afternoon, and then a shortened version that night for the public (pls confirm - I think this is what Brent told me). As far as the handout goes, I think its a good idea but want to avoid the need for USGS review and approval - something that could take considerable time (myself & others). A more efficient route may be to get my presentation approved for distribution -- I'd use the shortened version from the night presentation and make hardcopies (trying to summarize things in ~4 slides). Would that work? thanks - Rob

p.s. I'm in the midst of planning a large field effort and may not be able to deal w/ this until Sept 1.

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On Tue, 5 Aug 2014, Schmittdiel, Paula wrote:

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> Rob - After much discussion and a little confusion last week, it is my
> understanding that the plan is still to have you present the OTEQ
> model and findings to ARSG at their meeting on September 23rd in
> Silverton. That may be a lively discussion.
> EPA and BLM are also planning on an "availability session" on the same
> day and in the same building for the general community after the ARSG
> meeting - perhaps with a break in between. The intent of an
> "availability session" will be to have a more informal gathering for
> community members who may not want to sit thru a lengthy ARSG meeting
> to hear about the model findings or to ask questions of a number of
> governmental agencies on Upper Animas activities. We plan to have
> tables staffed by the various governmental agencies (BLM, CDPHE, and
> EPA) as well as a table for you to set up a shortened version of the
> model. We will also include a table for ARSG if they wish.
> One of the things that EPA and BLM would like to work with you on for
> the availability session is a short (1-page) handout for the "lay
> person" on the OTEQ model and its findings. I know you are busy and
> have field work commitments at this time of the summer, but we'd like
> to get started ASAP since coordinating with EPA and BLM could take
> some time.
> Please let us know how it would best work for you to get this started.
> You can email (or call) either Cynthia Peterson or myself. I've
> copied both Brent and Cynthia on this email to keep everyone in the
> loop. Cynthia's phone # is 303-312 6879. Thanks and look forward to
> our meeting in September.
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